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A marginal note in the muster book, that
A voluntary lord."

—THE DUCHESS

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I: IN WINTER



MYSELF

**Pale mornings, and
I rise.**

STILL MORNING

Snow air — my fingers curl.

AWAKENING

New snow, O pine of dawn!

WINTER ECHO

Thin air! My mind is gone.

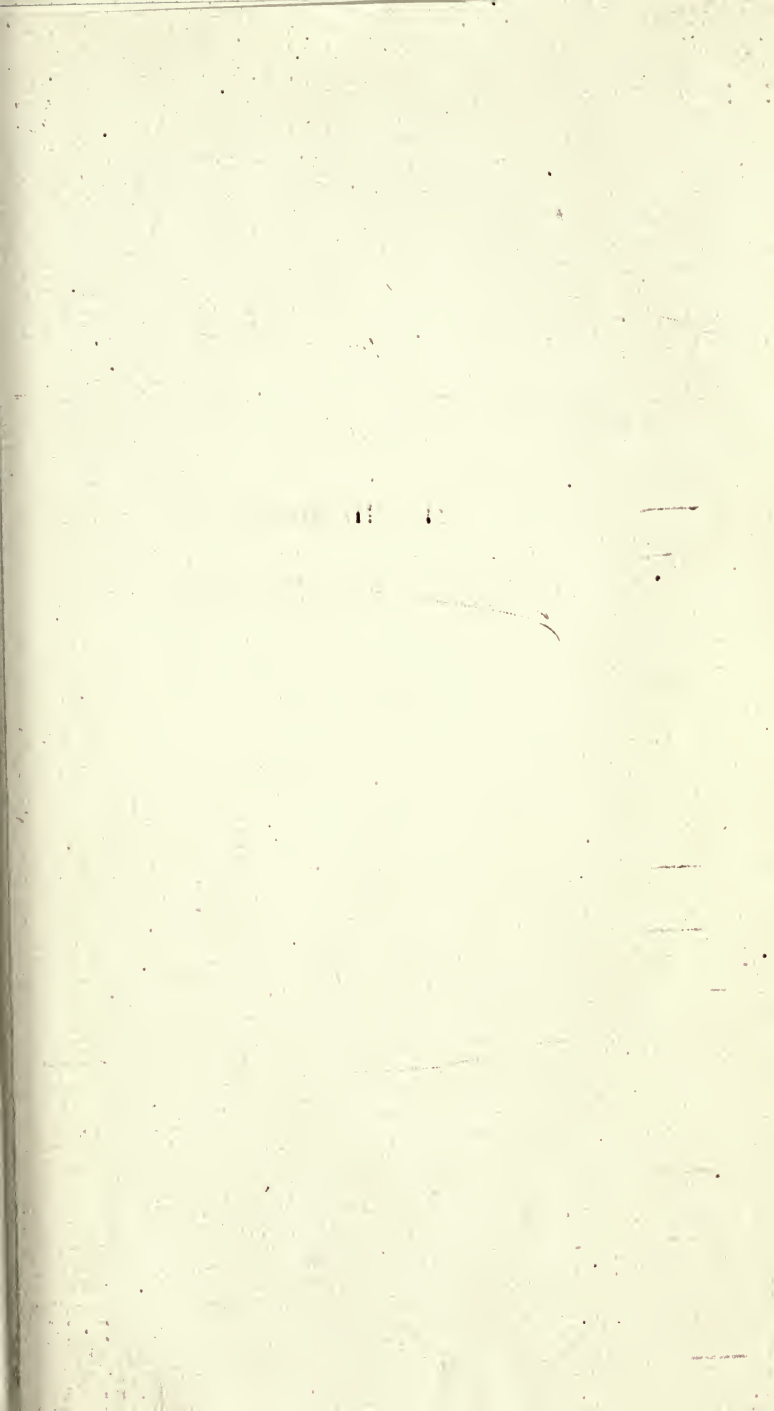
THE HUNTER

Run! in the magpie's shadow.

NO BEING

I, bent. : Thin nights receding.

II: IN SPRING



SPRING

I walk out the world's door.

MAY

Oh, evening in my hair!

SPRING RAIN

My doorframe smells of leaves.

SONG . . .

Why should I stop . . .
for spring? . . .

III: IN SUMMER AND AUTUMN



SUNRISE

Pale bees! — Oh, whither now?

FIELDS.

**I did not pick
a flower.**

AT EVENING

Like leaves my feet passed by.

COOL NIGHTS

At night bare feet on flowers!

SLEEP

Like winds my eyelids close.

THE ASPEN'S SONG

The summer holds me here.

THE WALKER

In dream, my feet are still.

BLUE MOUNTAIN

A deer walks that mountain.

GOD OF ROADS

I, peregrine of noon.

SEPTEMBER

Faint gold! O think not here!



A DEER

The trees rose in the dawn.

MAN IN DESERT

His feet run as eyes blink.



DESERT

The tented autumn, gone!

THE END

Dawn rose, and desert shrunk.





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